

Sustainable Development: Development of a Local Nature Reserve at Creggan Bog in partnership with An Creagan Visitor Centre



A new Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) to protect and promote Fermanagh and Omagh's rich natural heritage and wildlife was launched on Monday 21 March 2016 at An Creagán Visitor Centre to coincide with the declaration of Creggan Bog Local Nature Reserve (LNR).

At around 12Ha, Creggan Bog LNR is a small, undisturbed remnant of a once much larger area of raised bog. In spite of its small size, surrounding development and drainage, the peat is still actively forming. The keen recorder might see species such as bell heather, cranberry, bilberry and varied sphagnum mosses as well as the Irish hare, common lizard, large heath butterfly and smooth newt.

Volunteers are currently busy at Creggan Bog LNR helping to deliver a range of conservation actions as part of the Heritage Lottery Funded project BOGland. It aims to restore 8 acres of degraded wetland, turning it from unloved wasteland into a haven for wildlife and an oasis for people. For further details of this project and Creggan Bog LNR log on to www.an-creagan.com/biodiversity

LNR's are important as they help to protect valuable habitats and natural heritage, raise awareness of wildlife through publicity, events and signage and can provide opportunities for people to encounter and enjoy wildlife in a safe and accessible environment. Protecting and promoting LNR's and other accessible places such as the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark and many of our Council parks is a key action in the Fermanagh and Omagh LBAP.



Pictured at Creggan Bog Local Nature Reserve from left to right: Julie Corry, Biodiversity Officer (Fermanagh and Omagh District Council), Mary Garrity, Chairperson of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Anja Rosler, Volunteer Officer at An Creagan